

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method executed in an apparatus to which at least one terminal is capable of accessing via a network, comprising the steps of:

forming an electronic bulletin board for disclosing product information relevant to a product to be readable via said network from a terminal that is operated by a salesperson who sells said product;

receiving a request to register or change said product information, which is sent from a terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board via said network; [[and]]

limiting the disclosing of product information, which is pursuant to the request, until approval of the received request is obtained from an information manager,

wherein said limiting includes,

replacing an entirety or a part of said requested product information with other information to be disclosed on said electronic bulletin board until approval of the received request is obtained from the information manager.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of preregistering introduction information for introducing said person who wishes to disclose information in a preset recording area, and disclosing said introduction information on said electronic bulletin board with product information, which is pursuant to the request, on the precondition that approval is obtained from said information manager.

Claim 4 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said limiting step comprises a substep of preregistering introduction information for introducing said person who wishes to disclose information in a preset recording area, and disclosing said introduction information on said electronic bulletin board until approval is obtained from the information manager.

Claim 5 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said request receiving step comprises a substep of informing said person who wishes to disclose information of identifying information for identifying said person, and receiving only the request with said identifying information.

Claim 6 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of presenting an input screen page for urging registration or change product information to the terminal that is operated by the person who requests the disclosing of information on said electronic bulletin board, whereby constructing an environment in which said person who wishes to disclose information is capable of making said request through said input screen page.

Claim 7 (Original): The method according to claim 6, wherein said product information is classified into a plurality of groups, and said presenting step comprises a substep of presenting classification items for specifying the information groups on said input screen page, whereby making it possible for said person who wishes to disclose information to select a desired information group through the classification items on the input screen page and to make said request.

Claim 8 (Original): The method according to claim 7, wherein said information manager is fixed for each classification item,

said request receiving step comprises a substep of, when said request of an arbitrary classification item is made, recognizing the request by the information manager corresponding to the classification item, and

said limiting step comprises a substep of receiving approval or disapproval that said corresponding information manager issues after checking said request.

Claim 9 (Original): The method according to claim 1, said limiting step comprises a substep of receiving approval or disapproval that said corresponding information manager issues after checking said request, and sending the received approval or disapproval via said network to said terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method executed in an apparatus having a logical space to which at least one terminal is capable of accessing via a network, comprising the steps of:

forming an electronic bulletin board for disclosing product information of a predetermined product and/or other products relevant to the predetermined product in said logical space to a salesperson who sells at least one of said predetermined product and other products;

receiving a request to register or change said product information from a terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board via said network; [[and]]

limiting the disclosing of product information, which is pursuant to the request, until approval of the received request is obtained from an information manager,

wherein said limiting includes

replacing an entirety or a part of said requested product information with other information to be disclosed on said electronic bulletin board until approval of the received request is obtained from the information manager.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method executed in an apparatus having a logical space to which at least one terminal is capable of accessing via a network, comprising the steps of:

forming an electronic bulletin board for disclosing information relevant to a predetermined subject in said logical space to be readable via said network from a terminal that is operated by a user who uses said predetermined subject;

receiving a request to register or change information relevant to said predetermined subject from a terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board via said network; [[and]]

limiting the disclosing of product information, which is pursuant to the request, until approval of the received request is obtained from an information manager,

wherein said limiting includes

replacing an entirety or a part of said requested product information with other information to be disclosed on said electronic bulletin board until approval of the received request is obtained from the information manager.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

means for forming an electronic bulletin board for disclosing information in a logical space to which at least one terminal is capable of accessing via a network;

means for receiving a request to register or change object information from a terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board via said network; [[and]]

means for limiting the disclosing of object information, which is pursuant to the request, until approval of the received request is obtained from an information manager,

wherein said means for limiting replaces an entirety or a part of said requested product information with other information to be disclosed on said electronic bulletin board until approval of the received request is obtained from the information manager.

Claim 13 (Original): The system according to claim 12, wherein said electronic bulletin board includes an area for providing product information relevant to a product to a salesperson who wishes to sell said product, and

said receiving means receives said request to register or change object information relevant to said product.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~A computer program for rendering a computer to serve as a information disclosing support system connecting with a network, said system comprises:~~

~~a function of forming an electronic bulletin board for disclosing information in a logical space to which at least one terminal is capable of accessing via a network;~~

~~a function of receiving a request to register or change object information from a terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board via said network; and~~

~~a function of limiting the disclosing of object information, which is pursuant to the request, until approval of the received request is obtained from an information manager.~~

A computer readable storage medium storing a computer program, said computer program being used in a computer for rendering the computer to serve as an information disclosing support system connecting with a network, said computer program executing the following processing steps of:

forming an electronic bulletin board for disclosing information in an logical space to which at least one terminal is capable of accessing via a network;

receiving a request to register or change object information from a terminal that is operated by a person who wishes to disclose information on said electronic bulletin board via said network;

limiting the disclosing of object information, which is pursuant to the request, until approval of the received request is obtained from an information manager,

wherein said limiting includes

replacing an entirety or a part of said requested product information with other information to be disclosed on said electronic bulletin board until approval of the received request is obtained from the information manager.

Claim 15 (Canceled).